



Leander Public Library



Name Our Newsletter

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December 2013/January 2014

Food For Fines



Start 2014 fine-free and help your community, too!

November 1st to December 31st
1 canned or boxed item = \$1 in overdue fines.

All items will be donated to Hill Country Community Ministries for distribution.

*does not include lost items.



Beginning January 22, 2014

ALL THE ITEMS THAT YOU CAN FIT INTO A

Plastic Bag :\$3.00

Paper Bag:\$5.00

UPCOMING YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

[Teen Prom Fashion Show](#) 2/8, 6-8 p.m.

Come see the latest prom fashions and help out the Austin Fairy Godmother Boutique

[Valentines Day Party](#) 2/14, 10 a.m.

Special storytime, craft & treats

[Teddy Bear Picnic](#) Spring 2014

Bring your favorite stuffed friend

FREE Tax Preparation Services

IRS-Certified volunteer tax preparers will provide you with quality service

ABSOLUTELY FREE!

For information about the documents necessary to

prepare your tax return visit:

www.wilcofreetaxprep.org

or dial 211

No appointment necessary!

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[Leander Library](#)

January 31-April 15

Tuesdays 12:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursdays 12:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Winter Wonderland



Winter Wonderland Open House

December 7th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. / Join us for treats, crafts, a school choir and visits from the Austin Aquarium & Santa!

Family Winter Reading Club



Looking for a way to enjoy winter break without leaving your neighborhood? Then join the **Leander Library Family Winter Reading Club** and “**Discover New Depths: READ**”. All you have to do is keep track of how much time you read together as a family and when you hit 6 hours you will win a prize and be entered to win the grand prize: **A YEAR-LONG FAMILY PASS TO THE BRAND NEW AUSTIN AQUARIUM***! You can meet some of the Austin Aquarium’s residents at our **Winter Wonderland Open House on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 a.m. -12 :00 p.m.** and can sign up for the Winter Reading Club then. You can also come in anytime between Dec 7th and Jan 6th to sign up and to enter the raffle. **Grand prize winner will be announced the week of Jan 7th.**

*** donated by the Austin Aquarium**



Dewey's Corner

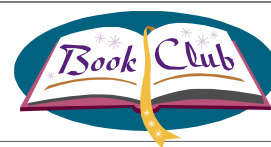
Winter is the time for football, holiday cooking, and crafts! Here are the Dewey Decimal call numbers to help you locate items about these subjects:

Cooking: 641/641.86

Crafts: 7 45.40/746.90

Football: 796

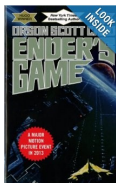




Book Clubs

Adult Book Club

December: “Ender’s Game” by Orson Scott Card on Monday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

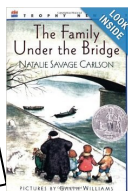


January: To Be Determined

Middle Years Book Club

December: “The Family Under the Bridge” by Natalie Savage Carlson

January:- “The Vengekeep Prophecies” by Brian Farrey



4th-8th grade
reading and
interest level

Teen Book Club

December: “Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow” by Jessica Day George



You Say You Want a Resolution...

Now that the holiday season has kicked in and 2014 is just around the corner, it's a great time to start thinking about New Year's resolutions – those activities that will make our lives more fulfilling. According to statisticbrain.com, the 10 most common resolutions last year were: lose weight, get organized, get out of debt, enjoy life to the fullest, get/stay fit, learn something new, quit smoking, help others, fall in love, and spend more time with family and friends. While “visit the library more” isn't on that list, the library is a great resource to help keep those resolutions that are.

The number one resolution to lose weight, along with the resolution to get/stay fit, is well-covered on our shelves. Books and DVDs covering a wide array of diets, exercise, and health issues can give you inspiration and direction. We even have Zumba classes hosted by Parks and Rec to get you moving toward fitness. Another resolution to improve health—to quit smoking—is arguably the hardest resolution on the list, but we can guide you to some resources that will encourage you to reach your goal. Plus, you can't smoke in the library, so it's a great place to come to avoid temptation.

If you're looking to get organized, house-wise, money-wise, estate-wise, or life-wise, you'll find resources to help you organize a wedding, an office, your studies, your records, and more. You can find ways to organize your finances at the monthly Financial Wellness Workshops to work towards resolution #3 to save money and get out of debt. Being organized can also lead to greater peace of mind which can enhance your enjoyment of life (number 4 on the resolution list), as can participating in our programs and events, like our Winter Wonderland Celebration on December 7th. You can even organize your closets by donating gently-used formal and semi-formal gowns and accessories, which we will be collecting the whole month of January and donating to the Austin Fairy Godmother Boutique, which helps outfit teens for the upcoming prom season.

We're all about resolution #6 at the library – learn something new! How about learning a new language? Check out Mango Languages on our website online resources page. Spanish is certainly helpful to know, or choose something more exotic like Farsi or Swahili. Maybe you'd like to learn about alternative medicine, photography, interior decorating, or spreadsheets. You can start by registering for one of the classes on Universal Class, another of our great online resources that offers access to more than 500 courses to learn something new.

Helping others is probably the most altruistic resolution in the top 10 and the library has a number of opportunities for you to help your community and keep this resolution all year long. Volunteers are trained to help with a variety of tasks, from shelving books to presenting programs, or you can help out at the Leander Library Foundation Used Bookstore. A library volunteer orientation will be held in January so come by and fill out an application.

If you want to fall in love... with a good book... the library would be delighted to be your matchmaker! We can offer suggestions if you like and you'll have two or three weeks to find out whether you and your book are a love connection. If not, you can try again with no hard feelings or broken hearts. But when you connect, you'll have a friend to love all life long. And if spending more time with the ones you already love - family and friends - is your resolution, the library offers plenty of possibilities, including our Family Winter Reading Club that encourages families to read together over the holidays. You could join your friends for a book discussion or game night here at the library or come to our Teen Prom Fashion Show on February 8th. Check out some books to get ideas for planning a party with friends or creating a scrapbook for keeping family connected. The list goes on...



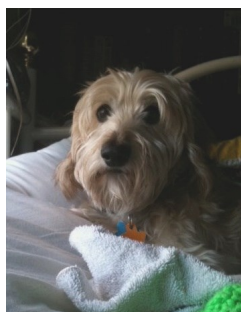
So don't forget about the library in 2014! As you're thinking about your resolutions remember that your library is here to support your efforts towards a satisfying and productive New Year!

Meet our Pets!



My name is Rascal and my name reflects my attitude. I know that I drive my family crazy, but it's not my fault. I just want to run after squirrels; it's just what I do!

(Claudia-Staff)



My name is Razzle Dazzle and I am 14-year-old pure bred dachshund (wirehair-wheaton). I love my yellow squeaky ball, snow, digging in the yard, Sonic, and occasionally my humans.

(Adrian-Staff)



I'm Badger and I like to tell stories about the adventures I've been on, sleep on top of the DVR, and get my belly rubbed every evening.

It's a pretty sweet life!

(Priscilla-Director)

Game Nights!



No Game Night in January!

◆ December

Friday, 12/13 from 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., is our **Holiday Magic** game night. Join us for festive movies, games and our first ever mystery gift exchange! Must be between the ages of 12 and 19.

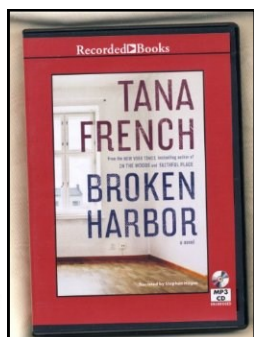
RSVP to gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us by December 12th to sign up.

➡ Watch our **Game Night Facebook** page for upcoming events!

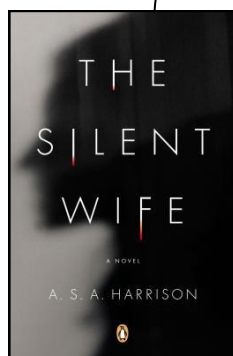
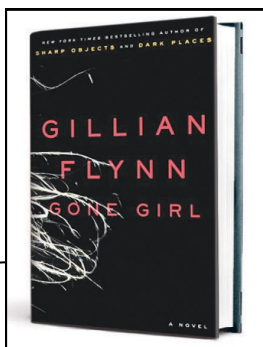


If you liked...you might also enjoy *listening to*...

Chilling audiobooks for chilly nights



Mick "Scorcher" Kennedy always brings in the killer. Always. That's why he's landed this high-profile triple homicide. At first, he thinks it's going to be simple, but the murder scene holds terrifying memories for Scorcher.



Told in alternating voices, *The Silent Wife* is about a marriage in the throes of dissolution, a couple headed for catastrophe, concessions that can't be made, and promises that won't be kept. Expertly plotted and reminiscent of *Gone Girl*...



David's wife is dead. At least, he thinks she's dead. But he can't figure out what killed her or why she had to die, and his efforts to sort out what's happened have been interrupted by his discovery of a series of elaborate and escalating threats hidden in strange places around his home...



Newspapers and Magazines

We get the daily issue of the Austin American Statesman and the weekly issue of Barron's.

Did you know that we also carry:

- Consumer Reports magazine
- Crafts & Crochet magazines
- Several cooking magazines such as: Cooking Light, Diabetic Living, Southern Living



Music to trim a tree by:



- The Three Tenors Christmas
- Christmas by the Irish Tenors.
- Christmas collections from Barbara Streisand, Celine Dion, Beach Boys, and Kenny G
- Smooth Carols: the crooners sing your Christmas favorites with Bing Crosby, Perry Como, and Frank Sinatra
- Christmas with The Chipmunks and A Very Merry Chipmunk
- First Christmas by The Eastern Sea



Holiday Movies!

The Shop Around the Corner—Call number: DVD F SHO

Frank Capra's It's a Wonderful Life—Call number: DVD F ITS

A Christmas Carol—Call number: DVD F CHR

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey—Call number: DVD F CHR

The Night Before the Night Before Christmas—Call number: DVD F NIG



Weekly Storytimes

Mondays: Preschoolers with Mr. George. A musical storytime at 9:30 a.m. Best for ages 3-5. Open to the public.

Tuesdays: Baby and Me with Miss Cindy For babies under 24 months, at 9:30 a.m. Open to the public. Older siblings allowed.

Wednesdays: Toddlers & Preschoolers with Goddard. Storytime and craft at 10:00 a.m. Best for ages 2-5. Open to the public.

Fridays: Community Storytime for Toddlers & Preschoolers at 9:30 a.m. Best for ages 2-5. Open to the public.

1st Friday: Austin Dog Alliance

2nd Friday: Leander Police Department

3rd Friday: PRO Martial Arts

4th Friday: Leander Pediatric Dentistry

5th Friday: Hit Makers Music School



Programs and Events

- **GED Classes** : Thursdays from 6:15-8:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Conference Room D.
- **Free Computer Basics Class** : 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Book Buddies**: Teens & kids reading together! *
- **Bow Wow Reading Dog** : Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Practice your reading with our therapy dog, Naya *
- **Art with Jennifer** : Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 p.m. For children ages 7 and up. *
- **Leander Writers' Guild** : January 28th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Conference Room C. Hone your writing skills, share your stories, and find inspiration with a group of aspiring writers. Join the fun on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
- **ESL** : Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. beginning January
- **Zumba Fitness** : Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room C. Contact Parks & Recreation for more information at 512-528-9909
- **Citizenship Preparation** : December from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., for more information please call: 512-394-5678.

***requires advance sign-up,
please email youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us**



All events (except GED) are free to the public. Programs are subject to change without prior notice. Please call the library to confirm dates and times or visit our website:
www.leandertx.lib.tx.us

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